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Murdered Men's Ghastly Deaths

Three guards and two convicts murdered during Saturday's bloody break-out try at San Quentin Prison had gruesome deaths, autopsy reports made public yesterday revealed.

The Marin county coroner, Dr. Donovan A. Cooke, released these details of how the following persons were slain:

- Correctional Sergeant Jere Graham: stabbed twice in the chest, twice in the stomach; shot once in the back of the head by a gun of a caliber yet to be determined.
- Correctional Officer Frank P. De Leon: slashed twice on each side of throat with a razor; shot once in the back of head; garroted with an electrical cord; ankles bound together with similar cord; stuck in face with a blunt object.
- Correctional Officer Paul Krasenes: three razor slashes on left side of neck, one long razor slash on right side of neck; garroted with both a strip of cloth and an electrical cord.
- Inmate John Lynn: gaping "rip" wounds on neck and throat, four on the right side, two on the left side.
- Inmate Ronald Kane: one deep slash on right side of neck which severed an artery.

Cooke said it appeared all the slash wounds "could well have been made by one person . . . someone who knew where to cut."

The coroner said the autopsy of convict George Jackson showed "he died of a single gunshot wound which entered at a downward angle through the top of his head, at about dead center, and which eventually exited through the lower right back.

"Additionally," Cooke went on, "a bullet fragment was found on the inside instep of his (Jackson's) left ankle which could or could not have been from the bullet which entered his head."

Cooke emphasized that it appeared the fatal bullet was fired at Jackson from a distance because of the absence of powder burns. The dead convict's family has claimed Jackson was murdered by guards in his cell and that his body was then dragged outside into the prison yard.

First reports on the SQ autopsy